

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 5, 2003. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hudetz et al.* and further in view of *Browning*. This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claim.

The Examiner has provided the *Browning* reference to cure the deficiency of *Hudetz et al.* wherein signals that are to be received on a computer input from an external peripheral unit such that a signal that is not compatible with that input can be converted to a signal compatible with that input such that the information is entered into the computer. In the present application, a scanner provides information that is not of the type associated with a keyboard input. This is converted to keyboard data and then input to the keyboard input as if it were generated by the keyboard itself. Thus, it simulates the keyboard input. Further, this information is utilized to insert characters into a computer and control the computer as if the keyboard were doing the control thereof for the purpose of launching a browser. The *Browning* reference does nothing more than convert the information to a data stream and this data stream is then input to the serial port. The serial port then interfaces with an application for receiving this information in the format in which it was generated and processing this information in accordance with the format received at that input, *i.e.*, the data is transmitted to the serial port in a compatible format and then the data is transformed into the appropriate control information. Therefore, the computer input, the serial port, receives this information in only one way. There is no simulation thereof. As such, Applicant believes that the *Browning* reference does not cure the deficiency in *Hudetz et al.* in that it does not convert a non-browser input to simulate another input, one that is normally input to a port such that the signal coming out of the conversion device appears as that coming out of the external computer peripheral device that was originally designed for that computer input.

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection with respect to Claims 1-7.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,735 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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